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Dear Interested Person:

Thank you to those persons who responded to our September 9th letter regarding the changed conditions in Gold Creek with an interest in attending a field trip to the area. I have chosen a date for the Gold Creek field trip and it will be Monday, October 4th. We will discuss the major issues, as identified in the Quartz Gold analysis, relative to the changed conditions resulting from the ongoing mountain pine beetle infestation in Gold Creek. We will view existing conditions and discuss what desired conditions should look like in the Upper Gold Creek watershed. I would like those persons interested in participating, to meet at the lower parking lot on College Avenue and 7th street in front of the Federal Building in St. Maries. We will leave at 8:00 a.m. from St. Maries and drive to Gold Pass. If you are coming from the Montana side, please meet us on top at the Gold Pass pullout at 9:30 a.m.

Please be dressed for the field, prepared for adverse weather and bring a lunch and water. If you would like to carpool with us from St. Maries, please contact Kimberly Johnson at 245-6072 or kjohnson02@fs.fed.us so we can plan for the correct number of vehicles. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

CHARLES A. MARK District Ranger



